

WILSON'S PEACE NOTE RECEIVES A COOL RECEPTION

Paris Newspapers are Unfavorably Hostile to His Plan.

THEY RESENT HIS ATTITUDE

Proposal is Rejected Largely Because of His Failure to Make Any Distinction Between Belligerents; Say Moral Side of War Has Escaped Him

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—President Wilson's note and the statement of Secretary Lansing continued to be the sensation of the day and take precedence over everything else in the morning papers. The President's action by no means meets with favor among the commentators, who only vary in the manner of expressing their opinions.

The principal reproach is in the word of Stephen Mallon, who, writing in the Petit Journal, says:

"The note makes no distinction between the states who provoke the war and those upon whom it is forced. The belligerents, whoever they are, are themselves treated in the same manner by President Wilson. He does not remember either the violation of Belgium neutrality, the crimes of the submarine warfare, or any of the monstrous acts which revolted the conscience of his compatriots and that of the civilized world. Germany, her victim, Belgium; Serbia, or France, it is all the same."

"America can appreciate this singular conception as she pleases. We should be lacking in the first of our duties in not holding it up as an outrage to our honor and our dignity."

Georges Clemenceau, former premier, in his newspaper, L'Homme Enchaîné, says:

"The moral side of the war has escaped President Wilson. He puts on the same footing all of the belligerents without asking for what reason each of them is fighting. Failing to take into consideration their responsibilities, he believes himself just when he speaks to all in the same terms. He has not felt that the ends of the war could not be understood in the same way by both sides and consequently it would seem almost blasphemous to hear it said that the objects seem the same on both sides."

Lincoln's answer to the French and British offer to mediate between North and South in 1863 is freely quoted and analogies are freely drawn between the situation then and now.

"What citizens of the United States would blame us if we answered Wilson as Lincoln answered the mediators then?" asks the Echo de Paris.

The Matin says:

"The American note is certainly inspired by high sentiment. It is doubtful whether it is opportune. It comes as a moment when it is to every interest to Germany to stop or slacken hostilities. It comes after the four ringing declarations of Stoinin, Petrovsky, Briand and Lloyd George."

The Journal and the Gaulois think President Wilson was influenced by fear of intensification of submarine warfare and considerations of the consequences of total interruption of sea traffic if the Germans should carry out the projects they are reported to have decided on and send 125 submarines to American waters. The President may also have been influenced, these papers say, by the increase in the cost of living in the United States.

"Let us consider the President coolly," says the Gaulois, "and send him an answer courteous but firm, setting out his dignity and our desire to safeguard the future."

CALLS IT A GAME ON AMERICA'S PART

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.—The Evening edition of the Cologne Volks-Zeitung in its comment upon the President's note, says:

"The game was a preconverted one. America has put her money in Entente business and therefore America must try in the interests of her debtors to

TO THE PATRONS OF THE DAILY COURIER

Owing to the great increase in the cost of paper and of practically all other materials entering into the production and distribution of a daily newspaper, The Connellsville Courier is compelled to increase its price, beginning Monday, January 1st, 1917, from one cent to two cents per copy, and from six cents to twelve cents per week and from twenty-five cents to fifty cents per month delivered by carrier.

The price to mail subscribers will be five dollars per year, payable in advance.

For over two years The Courier has borne the burden of a heavy addition to the cost of its news services and higher expenses in other departments, yet it hoped to continue to serve its subscribers at the old rate of one cent per copy. The enormous rise, however, in the price of paper, which has caused and is causing one-cent papers all over the country to double their selling price, has made it imperative for The Courier to take like action.

This rise in price will not affect paid-in-advance subscribers. All subscriptions now paid in advance will be delivered for the full time specified in the receipt without extra charge, but no paid-in-advance subscriptions will be accepted at the old rate after this date.

As in the past The Courier will continue to reach out after newer and better things, striving to give its readers the best that is to be had.

obtain the best possible conditions so that they may be able to fulfill their financial obligations toward the United States. For these reasons the United States is out of the question as an impartial mediator, more so considering President Wilson who at every opportunity has shown by his deeds his weakness for England and who in the present note even goes so far as to threaten war which, considering the whole affair, can only be directed against Germany."

BERLIN HAS VARYING VIEWS ON WILSON NOTE

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The Berlin press received President Wilson's note with varying views, scarcely any two papers looking alike at the proposition. The views range from the enthusiastic welcome accorded the plan by the Tagblatt to the unexpectedly cynical appraisal of the Vossische Zeitung with the middle ground represented by the Lokai Anzeiger which professes to await the answer of the Emperor to the Emperor's note before deciding for or against.

George Bernhard in the Vossische Zeitung views the proposal as actualized purely from American selfish motives. America, he says, finds itself in the position of having passed the heyday point in its financial operations with the Entente and now wants peace and the co-operation of England in preparing for what it alludes to as the inevitable Japanese trouble.

The Zeitung declares also that President Wilson need not deceive himself into thinking he can lay down any precepts for the conference.

ALLIES ANSWER TO GERMAN PEACE MOVE WILL BE LONG

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The Allied answer to Germany's peace proposals is almost finished, according to the Petit Parisien. The paper says it is a rather long document and sets forth clearly both the "responsibilities of the Allies and the crushing responsibility of the Central Powers."

EMBARGO ON BOOZE

Rush of Packages to Dry States Swamps Baltimore Carriers.

By Associated Press.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—The Christmas demand for liquor of various kinds for the "dry" states of Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas, have swamped the express companies which serve these sections. Two of the companies imposed an embargo on liquor shipments at noon yesterday until 5 A. M. today, with the view to relieving the congestion.

The express company officials say that for the past week they have been receiving and handling an average of 25,000 to 40,000 packages of liquor a day. The packages vary in size from a quart to several gallons.

Oil Goes Up Again.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Dec. 23.—Another advance of 10 cents a barrel in crude oil was posted here today by the Prairie Oil & Gas Company. The new price is \$18.00.

SWITCHMEN GET AN 8-HOUR DAY

Federal Arbitrators Settle Differences Between Railroad and Employees; Diverging Views.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The 8-hour day with straight pro rata time for overtime is granted to the Switchmen's union by the federal arbitration board in a decision today in the switchmen's controversy with the railroad.

The award gives an increase of five cents per hour for both foremen and helpers.

The switchmen had asked an advance of 10 to 12 cents. They had demanded also time and a half time for overtime instead of the pro rata basis fixed by the board.

While all six arbitrators signed the award, James D. Connor and W. A. Titus, representing the switchmen, dissented as to the five cent increase to the denial time and a half for overtime and to the granting of giving overtime at the pro rata rate.

E. F. Potter and T. W. Evans, the railroad representatives, dissented to the award of the eight hour day. "This decision in the switchmen's controversy with railroads has an important bearing on the Adamson law," it was stated here today by an official spokesman for the conference committee of managers of the railroads. "It does not O. K. the Adamson Act in our opinion. The Adamson law gives the men 10 hours pay for eight hours of work or an increase of about 25 per cent in wages. The award today gives the switchmen only nine hours pay for eight hours of work or between 13 and 16 per cent in increased wages. We get a great deal of satisfaction out of this award."

NOT A BRITISH SHIP.

England Denies Arabia Ever Was in Service of Allies.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—An official report from the British government on the British liner Arabia, sunk by a submarine without warning in the Mediterranean, declares the Arabia was not at that or any previous time in the service of the Allies.

Germany claimed in a note to the American government the Arabia was an "armed auxiliary."

Again in Hospital.

Mrs. Edith Kelley of Layton, was readmitted to the Cottage State Hospital this morning for treatment and probably an operation. Edward Prakes of Layton, returned to his home today.

Building Workers Strike.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—Work on building construction worth approximately \$50,000 was suspended today by a strike of carpenters and hoisting engineers.

J. S. Black Dies.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Jesse S. Black, prominent in Democratic politics in Pennsylvania, died at Johns Hopkins hospital today.

NO PAPER MONDAY

Following its usual custom, there will be no issue of The Courier next Monday, it being Christmas Day.

The Courier takes this opportunity to wish its readers a Merry Christmas.

CONNELLVILLE IS AFTER INSTITUTE; TOWN MAY GET IT

Uniontown's Only Interest Now is One of Revenue.

AFTER THE TEACHERS' MONEY

Merchants at the County Seat Realize Big Sum Every Year, but Management of Affairs Have to Give Tickets Away to Get Folks to Lectures.

Lack of appreciation upon the part of Uniontown and better accommodations in Connellsville are likely to bring the county institute to this city next year. At any rate, the divine right by which the county seat lays claim to the institute year after year, is seriously questioned and the matter will be put up directly to the county school authorities.

Connellsville has everything to commend it for entertaining the institute. The theatre is the largest and one of the best equipped in the county. Connellsville hotels are unsurpassed in this section of the state. Three railroads and a trolley system afford means of transportation for the teachers from all parts of the county. Besides this, Connellsville wants the institute while Uniontown, accustomed to having it year after year, does not patronize the evening entertainments nor attend the daily sessions.

Connellsville "has made a strong bid for the institute each year, a committee headed by Postmaster W. D. McGinnis having made all kinds of overtures to the authorities. Reduced hotel rates and half the teachers' transportation charges paid, was the proposition made one year. Free use of the theatre was also offered at one time.

The county appropriates \$200 each year toward the expenses of institute. Each of the 740 teachers pays from \$2.25 to \$2.25 enrollment fee. Uniontown people contribute nothing and of late they have not been attending any of the sessions.

With institute coming just at Christmas time and 740 teachers in town, Uniontown benefits. It is estimated, to the extent of about \$20,000 in trade.

Local people contend that Uniontown, Brownsville and Connellsville should get the institute in rotation, year after year. Other counties where there are several cities of the same size adopt this plan.

\$10 Each From John D.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—John D. Rockefeller's Christmas present to each of the employees on his Tarrytown estate is a \$10 goldpiece enclosed in a case upon which is placed, "The season's greetings from John D. Rockefeller."

Weather Forecast

Fair tonight; Sunday increasing cloudiness; moderate southerly winds; is the noon weather forecast for Western Pennsylvania.

Temperature Record	
Maximum	45 51
Minimum	22 34
Mean	34 43

The Yough river rose from 2.60 to 3.00 feet during the night.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS ARE FEATURED IN THE CHURCHES

Cantatas and Special Music Will be Given by Several of the Congregations; in the Sunday Schools the Children Will Reflect the Yuletide Cheer.

Special Christmas services will be held tomorrow in virtually all of the churches of town. Cantatas will be sung at some, and at others either the choir or the congregations will participate in programs that will be appropriate for the season. In the Sunday schools the holiday spirit will prevail. The sermons will breathe the spirit of Christmas.

At the Christian church, a Christmas service will be given Sunday evening under the direction of Mrs. George W. Scott, assisted by Mrs. Rosa F. Lytle and Miss Helen Norris. It is called "Hail to the King" and is arranged from the favorite classics. The program is:

Organ Prelude.
Hallelujah Chorus, James Charlesworth.
"Sing Hosannas".....Chorus.
Hymn.
Invocation.
"Bring the Christmas Bells".....Chorus.
Responsive Reading.
Prayer.
"Long Ago the Shepherds Watching"

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COKE COMPANIES MEET CREDITORS

Liberal Payments Authorized on Petition of Receivers of Two Concerns Involved in Thompson Failure.

The coke companies of Fayette county which were obliged to take protective measures as a result of the failure of J. V. Thompson and the First National Bank of Uniontown, are making special progress in their recovery. The Thompson Connellsville Coke Company has made an announcement of a pro rata distribution of 25% to creditors who granted a two year extension in the spring of 1915. Checks in payment are now being mailed to creditors. Further distributions will be made from time to time as funds accumulate, and interest adjusted later, it is announced.

Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen in chambers yesterday gave G. S. Harsh, L. W. Fogg and John R. Thompson, receivers of the Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Company, permission to distribute \$272,624.32 among its creditors. This distribution will pay the interest coupons on the first mortgage bonds and the second mortgage bonds to next January 1, will pay the interest to January 1 on all bills payable and will pay a dividend of 10 per cent on all bills payable, notes outstanding and accounts payable.

The petition of the receivers indicates that the Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Company under the management of the receivers, has enjoyed a most prosperous year. According to the petition, the receivers, in addition to making the payments upon the interest coupons, stated that they will be able to resume payments into the sinking fund provided by the terms of the first mortgage. Compliance with the provisions of the first mortgage until next January 1 was waived by the bondholders of the company on September 6, 1915.

SHOPPING IS BRISK

Merchants Anticipate That Flood Drive Will Break Record.

Christmas shopping began early today and from indications will continue unabated until the stores close at 10 o'clock tonight. The weather was ideal for this time of the year and the fact that it was fair meant thousands of dollars business that the merchants would not have had if it had been stormy or rainy.

The West Penn put extra cars on all lines leading into Connellsville beginning early in the day.

There will be extra trolley service on Sunday and on Christmas. Fifteen minute service on the South Side beginning at 8 A. M. and 40 minute service on the Vanderbilt line beginning at 8:40 A. M. is the program. There will be doubleheaders whenever necessary.

Chicken Dinner at Jail.

Prisoners at the county jail will eat chicken and the trimmings on Christmas Day.

TORREON CAPTURED

Villa is Reported to Have Stormed the Mexican City.

By Associated Press.

EL PASO, Dec. 23.—Unconfirmed reports that Torreon has been captured by Villa's forces were forwarded to Washington by government agents early today. The reports stated that the fighting started early yesterday morning and continued until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when the city capitulated.

Santa Rosalia, 75 miles southeast of Chihuahua City, was captured December 12 by Villa forces, according to a message received today by an El Paso man who owns property in Santa Rosalia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Americans and other foreigners who fled from Torreon a few days ago under the leadership of Thomas O'Shea, British consular representative there, have reached what is regarded as a zone of safety in Mexico.

THIEF GETS \$40

John Kiferle's Apartment Entered and Cash is Taken.

Several days ago the apartment of John Kiferle in the Dunn-Paine Building was entered while the family was out and \$40 in cash was stolen from Mrs. Kiferle's room. The money had been put aside by the latter from her Christmas savings fund for purchases later in the week. While she stepped out for a short time, a thief entered the room and took the money.

The family has a clue that it is believed will lead to the apprehension of the thief. They have as yet taken no action, expecting the guilty one to return the money.

CLASS IN CITIZENSHIP.

James Wardlaw Instructs Foreigners at Evening.

A class in citizenship has been organized at an evening by foreigners wishing to become naturalized. James Wardlaw, the mining authority, is instructing the class.

Those in the class are preparing to take out citizenship papers when court is held within a few weeks.

Woman Stranded Here.

A West Virginia woman, on her way to Akron, O., is stranded in Connellsville, having lost her purse, containing money and railroad tickets. She and her small child are at police court, and Chief E. Rotter is trying to raise enough money to get her out of town.

Ship 1917 Auto Tugs.

The State Highway Department yesterday shipped out 46 tons of automobile and motorcycle license tags for 1917. They went from Harrisburg by parcel post.

Library to Close.

The Carnegie Free Library will be closed on Christmas and New Year's.

DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS WILL BRING CHEER

Salvation Army Expects to Give Baskets to 60 Families.

GIFTS AND BONUSES GIVEN OUT

Fayette County Gas Company and West Penn Employees are Remunerated; Santa Claus to Visit Coke Works; Liberty is Displayed.

At least 60 families in Connellsville will receive Christmas baskets from the Salvation Army this year. While the investigations of Captain L. N. Phelps has shown that there are comparatively few, if any, destitute families in the city and its environs, there are homes where the baskets will be mighty welcome. Homes where there are no fathers to provide for the mother and children, where widows are compelled to support families of small children, have not been benefited greatly by the good times. Some of these will find the army's Christmas treat of real assistance.

The baskets contain everything necessary for a complete Christmas dinner in sufficient quantities to last for several days. Army workers were busy as bees last night apportioning out the foodstuffs and filling the baskets.

The treats were made possible through the Christmas subscriptions to the Salvation Army's fund and donations of foodstuffs. Envelope subscriptions were very generous this year, Captain Phelps says, but the Christmas kettles have done practically nothing.

The baskets will be distributed on Monday. On Tuesday night, arrangements have been made to entertain 250 children at the army hall on Pittsburgh street. A gaily decorated tree will form the center of the decorative scheme and Santa Claus will distribute a pound of candy, a whole orange and a toy to each child.

The Union Supply Company will be visited by Santa Claus at each of its stores in the region. Old Krls will distribute candy to the children. At some of the stores and each of its other Christmas program. Other supply stores of the region, notably those of W. J. Rainey, will also distribute treats on Christmas day.

The Tri-State Candy Company today presented each of its salesmen with a \$10 gold piece and each of its other employees with \$5 in gold. In all about \$300 was distributed and it came as a very welcome "Christmas treat." Manager H. L. Carpenter was presented with \$22.50 in gold by employees of the firm.

E. H. Marshall, proprietor of the Young Chemical Company, today presented each of his employees with a \$5 gold piece. Mr. Marshall regularly does this at Christmas time.

There was a meeting of all the Fayette County Gas Company employees in the district at the office of the company here last night when the Superintendent, J. E. Angle distributed the bonus checks which he had brought out from Pittsburgh. It was a happy gathering, and was made the occasion of a regular "get-together" meeting. The employees were delighted with their checks, the smallest of which was \$10.00 and the largest of \$100. The bonus was paid every employee, regardless of his occupation. The laborers were remembered along with the others.

About 250 motormen and conductors on the West Penn trolley lines have received standard uniform caps as gifts from the company. They do not receive the Christmas dinner baskets distributed to other employees but are given new caps instead. They were purchased through the Wright-Metzler Company of Connellsville.

Distribution of the Christmas baskets concluded today. The goodies that came in the hundreds of boxes and barrels were apportioned out yesterday and the baskets conveyed to the various department headquarters where employees received them.

The office employees exchanged gifts during the afternoon.

By C. A. Volght.



NEWS OF THE DAY AS GATHERED UP AT MT. FLEASANT

**Men Accused of Attacking
Glenn Miller Walvo
a Hearing.**

P. H. MEMBERS ARE INITIATED

Quintet here is developing into a fast aggregation and some good games will be scheduled; the Lady Maccabees lost to Overholt Girls.

Special to The Courier.
MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 23.—Alex. Joba, William and Clyde Kane, Frank Sullivan, John Vice and James Speer, men, who were charged with assault and battery by Glenn Miller, went before Justice of the Peace J. H. Walker and waived a hearing and gave bail for their appearance at the February term of court.

New Members Initiated.
The Protected Home Circle Lodge which recently held a membership campaign, initiated 55 new members. The regular tea was in charge of Mrs. Margaret King and the Volunteer team was in charge of Mrs. Blanche Nixon. At Thursday night's meeting the following prizes were given out: To Mrs. King, a solid gold jewelry; \$10 in gold, Mrs. Blanche Nixon, signet ring and brooch to third prize, a coin was tossed and this went to John Nixon; toilet set, Mrs. Nixon; \$5 in gold, John Nixon; \$5 in gold, Ed. King; \$5 in gold, Mrs. Margaret Wiltrout; \$5 in gold, Mr. and Mrs. Denhardt; \$10 in gold, Mrs. Joseph Miller; \$5 in gold, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Noss. The regular team was in charge of \$10 in gold, Mrs. Rebecca Spence.

Independents Lose.
The Mount Pleasant Independents were defeated at the state armory last evening by a score of 31 to 21 by the Latrobe team. They were much larger than the Independents and played a very rough game.

Notes.
Paulina in "The Dumb Girl of Portici" at Cox's Theatre, Christmas matinee night.—Adv. 23-11.
Miss Alice Simpson, a clerk in Fred's store, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Memorial Hospital.

Joseph Goldsmith is suffering with blood poison in his left hand as a result of a scratch of a rusty nail.

Miss Anna Edwards is visiting in Wilkesburg.

The degree team of Pleasant Unity, I. O. O. F. Lodge came here on Thursday evening and conferred a degree for the Moss Rose Lodge.

DUNBAR

DUNBAR, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Daniel Ramage of Sutton Hill, Mrs. R. J. McGee and daughter, Helen of Franklin avenue, Mrs. L. M. Nephie, Mrs. Joseph Williams, Mrs. Robert Gibson and Mrs. Charles Foreman of Fayette street were Connelville shoppers this week.

John Sallor of Greenbrier and Aaron Hughes of Tucker Run were market-day and shopping here Thursday. They report that the Sunday schools at their localities will give liberal Christmas treats Sunday.

Rev. Father J. J. Brennan was a business caller in Connelville yesterday.

The Methodist Protestant Sunday school gave their Christmas entertainment last night to a crowded house which was very appreciative. The M. P. and Presbyterian Sunday schools will give their Christmas entertainment Sunday evening at the hour of regular evening service.

Sunday in the churches. Methodist Episcopal, Rev. H. L. Humbert, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. at which time the scholars will be given their Christmas treat. Preaching at 11 A. M. Epworth League at 6:30 P. M. Christmas cantata at 7:30 P. M. Methodist Protestant, Rev. T. M. Gladden, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Presbyterian, Rev. J. W. Wilson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. Christmas cantata at 7:30 P. M. Christmas Endeavor at 6:45 P. M. Gospel, Rev. W. H. McKee, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Special Christmas music. Young People's meeting at 6:45 P. M. Episcopal at the furnace, Rev. M. J. Barker, rector. Sunday school at 2:30 P. M. Pechin chapel. Sunday school at 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Guido Gentile and daughter were shopping in Connelville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Clark and daughter, Bettie were calling and shopping in Pittsburgh Thursday.

Mrs. Peter Johnson has been visiting relatives in Butler county this week and is expected home this evening.

Mr. Grant Fressler has accepted a position at the Hill Farm Mines as blacksmith.

Read our classified ads.
F. B. Carls formerly of this place, but now of Syracuse, N. Y., was a business caller here yesterday.

The Presbyterian church will give a sacred music Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, while at the Methodist Episcopal services will be held. They taking part in the musical Sunday morning at the Methodist Episcopal Union services will be held similar at the Presbyterian at 7:30 o'clock.

Lawrence Hay of State College is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents here on Connelville street.

The Episcopal church here will give a Christmas cantata Monday night. Mrs. William McClain was shopping Friday in Connelville.

Charles Marietta visited in Connelville yesterday.

Many Apple Trees.
It is estimated that there are about 4000 apple trees in Pennsylvania.

A Merry Christmas to Our Friends and Patrons



Among The Churches

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. G. L. C. Richardson, pastor. The Sunday school and morning worship will combine in a Christian service under the auspices of the Sunday school. This service will begin at 10:30. The Sunday school will convene at 10 o'clock in the Sunday school room. The men's classes will meet in the "annex" at the regular hour, 9:30 A. M. The Junior League, Miss Harriet Clark, superintendent, will meet at 3 P. M. Epworth League devotional service at 6:30 P. M. tender, Mrs. McCalm; subject, "The Conditions to Answered Prayer. Sermon by the pastor at 7:30 P. M. subject, "The Mission of Jesus in the World." Tomorrow's services will all be in the Sunday school room owing to the renovating work going on in the auditorium. The reopening of the church will be on December 31. There will be a very interesting mid-week prayer service on Wednesday evening of next week, December 27. The subject is "Twelve Men" and will be discussed by several who have had some very revolutionary experiences. Every Sunday school teacher is requested to bring not less than a half pound of homemade candy for the Davidson Mission school treat. Bring this with you tomorrow morning.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Ellis B. Burgess, pastor. All the services of the coming Sunday will partake of the Christmas spirit. The Bible school will follow its usual custom of bringing provisions of all kinds for the poor. The beginners and primary rooms will distribute boxes of candy to the children. The chorus choir will sing Christmas chorals at the beginning of the chief service at 11 A. M. The pastor will preach on "The Good Tidings of Christmas." At 7 P. M. the Christmas chimes will ring; and at 7:30 P. M. the children will render their annual service. A choir of 80 boys and girls, selected largely from the beginners' grades will furnish the musical numbers. The church doors will be open at 6:45 o'clock in the evening. You are invited to come early and secure a good seat.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Rev. J. S. Showers, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. The Sunday treat will be given the children at the close of the school. Public worship at 11 A. M. Morning subject, "The Message of Great Joy." Christian Endeavor at 6:30 P. M. An entertainment will be given by the children at 7:45. The entertainment will be equal to, if not superior to anything given by the school in past years. It is under the leadership of Lee G. Hoover. Come and hear the children. Everybody welcome.

GERMAN LUTHERAN ST. JOHN'S

Church, on Carnegie avenue and East South street, George Dietz, pastor. Services at 10:30 A. M. Sunday school at 9 A. M. Christmas treat for Sunday school at 7:30 P. M. Christmas services and holy communion on Monday morning at 10 A. M.—at Morgan station at 2:30 P. M. All are cordially invited.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT

Church, West Apple street, J. H. Lamberton, minister. Class meeting at 9 A. M. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. At the morning worship at 11 A. M. the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon. Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:45 P. M. Subject is "Helping to Accomplish the Purpose of Christ's Coming." (Christmas meeting.) In the evening at 7:30 the choir will render the annual Christmas music. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Pastor will preside.

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH

South Pittsburg and Green streets, Rev. C. E. Wagner, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Christmas sermon at 11 o'clock. Subject, "The Babe of Bethlehem." The evening service at 7:30 o'clock is a Christmas service.

Orpheum Theatre

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"The Fear of Poverty"

5-Part Thanhouser Production Featuring Florence Labadie
ALSO "THE SOCIETY SMUGGLER" DEALING WITH
THE ADVENTURES OF DOROTHY DARE.

REGULAR PRICES

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Children 5c

KIFERLE'S ORCHESTRA.

the Sunday school, assisted by the choir and orchestra. The beginners and primary children will have special parts on the program, and the Juniors will render a cantata entitled, "The Unhappy Guests." The offering will be devoted to St. Paul's Orphan Home at Grenville. Services preparatory to holy communion Friday evening at 7:30. Holy communion Sunday, December 31.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

J. L. Prouditt, pastor. Sabbath school at 9:45 A. M. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject of sermon, "What is Seen in Bethlehem." Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:45. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock; a cantata, entitled "The Christmas Kings" will be rendered by the choir.

THE COVENANTER CHURCH, West

Side, S. B. Houston, pastor. Sabbath school at 10 o'clock. Public worship at 11; also at 7:30. Young people's meeting at 6:45; subject, "Why I Am a Covenanter." Prayer meeting Friday evening at 7:30; subject, "The Unchanging Christ."

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, C. C. Buck-

nor, minister. Bible school at 9:30. Offerings for provisions for the poor will be received. Morning worship at 10:40. Subject of sermon, "Christmas Joy." Children will practice for the Christmas entertainment at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. The entertainment will be given at 7:30, the regular preaching service hour. Everybody invited.

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Church, South Pittsburg street and Morton avenue, Rev. W. J. Everhart, minister. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon topic, "The Spirit of Christmas." Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock. Rendering of the sacred cantata, "Savior and King," by the choir. Sabbath school at 9:45 A. M. Juniors and intermediates at 3 P. M. Senior Y. P. C. U. at 6:30 P. M. Topic, "Are You Evading Moral Issues?" Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45.

MEYERSDALE

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Case left Thursday for Pittsburgh, where they will remain over the holidays visiting relatives. They were accompanied by the former's mother, who had been visiting here for some weeks.

Earl Boyer, who is attending school at State College, Pa., is here to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyer.

Miss Anna Sturtz of Sand Patch, spent Wednesday visiting and shopping in Connelville.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Runaway were shopping in Pittsburgh on Wednesday. Miss Emma Liberty of Garrett, was a Meyersdale visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beal of Salisbury, were business visitors to our city Wednesday.

Miss Beatrice Truxal, a student at the Peabody Institute at Baltimore, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Rene Brant and little sister, Louise, of Garrett, were calling on friends here Thursday.

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 23.—Special Christmas services will be held in all the churches of Meyersdale and several of the Sunday schools will give cantatas and the usual Christmas treat will be given to the younger scholars.

The Meyersdale public schools closed yesterday for a week's vacation and the teachers from out of town will leave today for their homes.

Professor and Mrs. Rome Shirley of McKeesport, are here to spend over Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Leonard of the South Side.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall J. Livengood and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Derry, Eugene Livengood and W. S. Livengood were at Salisbury on Friday, where they attended the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Livengood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams of Johnstown, spent a short while in Meyersdale while en route to Salisbury, where they were called by the death of the latter's mother, Mrs. Livengood.

Mrs. H. H. DeVore of Garrett, was a Meyersdale visitor on Friday.

Misses Helen and Ruth Shaw, who are attending school in Baltimore, are home for the Christmas holidays.

James Foley, a student of a business college in Baltimore, and William Hill of Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, are among the students who are spending the holidays with their parents in this place.

Miss Eva Hoover, a teacher in the public schools at Carnegie will arrive today to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hoover, over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Covell Parsons and two children of Pittsburgh, will be guests of Mrs. Parsons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hocking, over Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Truxal will have their daughters, Misses Rebekah and Evelyn Truxal, teachers at Bellevue, and their son, Attorney W. C. Truxal of Somerset, as Christmas guests.

Miss Mary Will, a student at the California State Normal, arrived home yesterday for the Christmas vacation.

Lumbermen to Get Raise.
CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Employees in the lumber trade throughout the country will receive an immediate wage increase of from 8 to 10 per cent, E. E. Hooper, secretary of the Lumbermen's Association announced here today.

To Build More Furnaces.

The Midvale Steel & Ordnance Company will build two furnaces at the Cambria plant, Johnstown.

BELL-ANS
Absolutely Removes
Indigestion. One package
proves it. 25c at all druggists.

Wertheimer Bros. Clothes Make Ideal Christmas Presents

The world is growing wiser in the giving of gifts at Christmas—more practical and useful things are now the rule many women have learned—the splendid possibilities of men's wear as practical.

Gifts for Men and Young Men

AND ISN'T A "MAN'S STORE" THE MOST LOGICAL PLACE TO FIND THAT WHICH PLEASES MEN?

Easy to Give Him a Suit or Overcoat

Perhaps you are wondering how we can fit him without his knowing what his present is to be. Easy enough—no doubt, we know just his size and what he likes or we can write out an order for a suit or overcoat—give him one and we'll guarantee the fit, quality and satisfaction.

And Other Practical Gifts

Neckties.....50c to \$1.50	Hosiery.....10c to 50c	Silk Mufflers.....\$1.00 to \$2.50
Handkerchiefs.....10c to 50c	Cuff Links.....25c to \$1.00	Gloves.....50c to \$2.00
Collars.....15c	Scarf Pins.....25c to \$1.00	Belts.....25c to \$1.00
Underwear.....\$1.00 to \$4.00	Umbrellas.....\$1.00 to \$5.00	Watch Fobs.....25c to \$1.00
Night Shirts.....50c to \$1.00	Suspenders.....25c to \$1.00	Garters.....25c to \$1.00
Shirts.....50c to \$2.00	Caps.....50c to \$5.00	Fancy Vests.....\$2.00 to \$5.00

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North Pittsburg Street.

Connellsville, Pa.

Get Your Christmas Supplies at the Connellsville Market

We have the finest stock of Turkeys and Chickens ever brought to Connelville; and our Geese and Ducks are the best on the market today. Our prices are most reasonable. Our excellent line of Fruit and Vegetables is the best that cash could buy.

Christmas Trees, Mistletoe, Moss and Holly Wreaths.

Come and get the best for your Christmas Dinner.

Connellsville Market

Both Phones. North Pittsburg Street.

Brewed from the choicest materials in that
Good Old German Way

Y O U G H

Indian Yough Head

B E E R

"It Hits the Spot"

FOR THE WORKINGMAN SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE LOTS ARE BARGAINS.

COAL AND FOOD IS DISTRIBUTED AT SCOTSDALE

Associated Charities is Relieving Much of the Distress.

THE FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS

Walter Haines Elected Chief and James Dickert, President; Frank Pliska, Cried in Football Game, Is Home for Holidays; News Notes.

Special to The Courier.
SCOTSDALE, Dec. 23.—Scottsdale is not getting any coal shipped into town and all of the coal that the Associated Charities sends out to the poor will come from local mines. This is a fairly good coal and much cheaper than that shipped in. The Associated Charities is also sending out a number of baskets of groceries to the needy of the community, they having received them Thursday and yesterday. With the price of groceries so high, the orders sent out have meant a great help to needy receiving it.

Dressmaking School Closes.
The McPherson School of Instructional Dressmaking that is being held in the Brennen Building, has closed and will open Wednesday January 3.

Officers Elected.
The following officers have been elected in the Scottsdale Fire Department for the coming year: Chief, Walter Haines; assistant chief, Samuel Brown; president, James Dickert; vice president, Walter Schaeffer; secretary, Howard Beegle; treasurer, Leroy Baker.

Christmas and New Year, 1916-1917.
At the return of the holiday season, when it is customary to exchange greetings and words of good cheer, I wish to extend to you the good wishes of a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, an express my appreciation of the pleasant relations existing between us, and hoping for a long continuance of the same. E. F. DeWitt, Branch Sec. Scottsdale, Pa.—Adv.

Shipped Student Home.
Frank Pliska, a student at St. Vincent College, is at his home in Everson for the Christmas vacation. Pliska, who played on the St. Vincent football team, suffered an injury to his knee that causes him to walk with crutches. It was necessary for Dr. Pliska's father, to wire the bone in the knee for it to be possible for him to walk at all.

Move to Florida.
Jon M. Stauffer has taken his family to Cocoa, Florida, to spend the winter. Mr. Stauffer has built a beautiful home there, shipping the lumber from Scottsdale. While the family will make the home there, Mr. Stauffer will still look after his interests here.

For Sale.
Good six room house, 1/2 acre lot, west Fifth street, for \$2,500.00. E. F. DeWitt.—Adv.

Notes.
Parlous, in "The Young Girl of Cordell," at Cox's Theatre, Christmas, nativity and night.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Calvert left today to spend several weeks at the latter's home at Lancaster, Pa.

Misses Florence Kiersey, Josephine Evans and Madeline Kennedy, students at Seton Hill, are home for their Christmas vacation.

Mrs. George Bixler and daughter, Minnie, were shopping in Pittsburgh Friday.

Mrs. F. C. Wray left yesterday for Perryopolis to see her father, J. L. Townsend, who has been ill for some time and who is gradually sinking.

Miss Nellie Lynch, a student at Randolph Macon, Lynchburg, is home for the holiday vacation.

Misses Marie Korman and Myrtle Landenberg, students at a domestic science school at Detroit, Mich., are home for the holiday vacation.

Miss Emma Bryn of Birmingham, N. Y., is home for the holidays.

Joseph A. Vaine is spending several days in Uniontown vacation.

John Wilton of Buckhannon, W. Va., is spending several days here.

E. A. Byrne is spending several days in Pittsburgh.

John Eicher was a business caller in Pittsburgh yesterday.

Attorney Joseph J. Kennedy of Pittsburgh, is home for the holiday vacation.

Joseph Owens, who is a student at the Agricultural College at State, is home for his Christmas vacation.

Clayton Perry of State College, is home for his vacation.

Mrs. William Courtney and son Billie of Pittsburgh, are spending the week end with Mrs. Ed. Lane in Everson.

Miss Euzalia Fretts spent Thursday in Pittsburgh.

Miss Irene DeWitt, student at Bible School Park Place, Uniontown, N. Y., is home for her Christmas vacation.

Miss Edna Krouse, librarian at the local library, has gone to Pittsburgh to spend her holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Loucks were callers in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Ida and her daughter, Martha Kasper, were callers in Pittsburgh yesterday.

Read The Daily Courier.

Will Exhibit Corn and Apples.
Many consignments of corn and apples are being received at the Department of Agriculture for exhibition at the State Corn, Fruit, Dairy Products and Wool Show at Harrisburg, January 21-26.

The consciousness of having the hair and scalp sweet and sanitary, brings a feeling of comforting self assurance.

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Applications at the better barber shops
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Is There a Santa Claus?

The following editorial, one of the most contributions to Christmas literature ever penned, was written some years ago by the late Frank P. Church, a member of the staff of the New York Sun, then edited by Charles A. Dana, who has often been given credit for the article.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun.

Dear Editor—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"
VIRGINIA O'HANLON,
115 West Ninety-Fifth Street.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith, then, no poetry, no romance, no make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they were not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a well covering the unseen world, which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view the picture, the eternal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and He lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—may, ten thousand years hence, your friends will tell you, now—He will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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CONFLUENCE.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 22.—Marcellus Plantigan of Iowa, who has been visiting friends here for several days, has gone to Johnson's Chapel where he will visit H. P. Burnworth.

Miss Iva James who has been visiting her brother, Ralph James in Brooklyn, N. Y., for several weeks, has returned home.

Russell Silbaugh and C. O. Burnworth of Johnson's Chapel, were here yesterday on their way to Uniontown on business.

J. B. Colborn of the Jersey Church, was a business visitor here yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Shaw was a recent shopper and visitor in Connelville.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Silbaugh have returned from a visit with friends at Braddock and McKeesport.

Rev. and Mrs. Bracken and two children were shopping and visiting friends in Connelville yesterday.

Misses Mary and daughter, Mrs. Grover Shipley, were shopping and visiting friends in Connelville yesterday.

Misses Felicia Plantigan and Rebecca, students at the Indiana State Normal, have arrived home to spend their Christmas vacation.

Louis Colborn of Somerset, was a business visitor here yesterday.

G. A. Munson of Connelville, was a business caller here yesterday.

J. S. Cover of Harnedsville, was here yesterday on his way to Somerset on business.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 23.—John Cronin, John Stark and Raymond Morrison are home from Indiana State Normal to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

State engineers are at work surveying the new state road.

Carl Watson was a business caller at Port Hill yesterday.

G. R. McDonald has returned from a business visit to Clearfield.

Miss Helen Bowlin, who has been ill for several days, is slightly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown were shopping and calling on friends in Connelville yesterday.

R. S. Patterson of Humbert, was a business caller here yesterday.

George Kurtz of Humbert, was a business caller here yesterday.

Dr. W. H. Kuhlman of Utesia, was a caller here yesterday.

Noah Anderson of Bidwell, was a business caller here yesterday.

Notice, Lady Macabees.

The lady Macabees will meet at the street car waiting room for the 1:45 P. M. car on Sunday to attend the funeral of Sister Sadie Weimer.—Adv.

Classified Advertisements
In The Daily Courier bring results.

MACCABEES' FIVE HAS A WALKAWAY WITH MASONTOWN

Local Basketballers Easily Defeat the Visiting Team.

KEEN INTEREST IN THE SPORT

As a Result of Recent Membership Campaign, 95 Join the Organization; Prizes are Awarded; Independents Lose a Rough Game to Latrobe Five.

The Macabees five had another walkaway with the Masontown Lyceum team at the local hall last evening, defeating it the second time this week. Last night's score was 55-14. The game was close the entire first half, that period ending 15-10 for the Macabees.

In the second half, with Bishop and Brown working whirlwind plays and fancy shots, the score literally rolled up. Bishop tossed seven through the basket and Brown won him one basket by making it eight. Bishop attained his speed that half and the playing he uncocked equals any ever seen on that floor. At field goals Brown was a wizard. He could not be stopped and the goals he made were beautiful.

The Macabees have developed a team this season that many think could hold its own with the best in either Fayette or Westmoreland counties. The Greensburg Independents, a fast aggregation, and the best that city has, will play here next Friday. With them will be Byrdway, the celebrated man who caused so much comment by his playing here last year. The Penn team from Uniontown will also likely play here in the near future.

The Macabees are certain to gain popularity with the basketball fans of this city and already the attendance at the games is beginning to overflow the small balcony.

The lineup:
K. O. T. M. Masontown.
Brown Forward. Girard
Henry Forward. Brush

Bishop Forward. Kennedy
Hanigan Center. Long
Herd Guard. Campbell

Field goals—Brown, 10; Bishop, 8; Miller, 3; Hanigan, 2; Henry, Struble, Brush and Girard.

Four goals—Brown, 5 out of 11; Girard, 4 out of 21.
Substitutions—Miller for Hanigan, Struble for Henry.

In the preliminary game the Overholt Girls team swamped a picked team from the Lady Macabees, 21-0. The Overholt Girls have developed into the best female team in the county, and have not yet lost a game this season.

H. Walker was the individual star, tossing six field goals. M. Loftus got two and A. McKay one. McKay also shot three out of six fouls.

The game was to have been played by teams of single and mixed women, but all members were not able to attend and the game was postponed until next Friday.

ORIOLE.

ORIOLE, Dec. 23.—Miss Ella Corristan, who has been visiting in Connelville, returned to her home here Thursday.

Professor McClintock returned to his home here yesterday, after a few days spent in Uniontown.

Miss Pearl McFarland of Morgantown, is spending a few days here with relatives.

Miss Len McClintock of Fayette City, is spending her Christmas vacation at her home here.

Mrs. W. G. Corristan and daughter left yesterday for Connelville to visit relatives for a few days.

Mrs. W. Jackson has returned to her home here after a short visit with friends at Uniontown.

R. V. Rittenour returned to Ohio yesterday after attending institute at Uniontown.

Charles Plantigan is spending over Christmas at his home at Confluence.

Mrs. Clara Vaughn spent Thursday shopping in Connelville.

Mrs. David Collins spent Friday shopping in Connelville.

A. A. Corristan was a Connelville caller yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sands of Charlestown are spending a few days with relatives at and near here.

William Glatfelter was a Connelville visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Jackson Meyers left yesterday for Connelville to visit friends.

I. L. Collins was a visitor in Connelville yesterday.

PERRYOPOLIS.

PERRYOPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Professor R. A. Jennings of Pittsburgh, came here Wednesday and will remain all during the services of the dedication of the Methodist Episcopal Church and will conduct the music.

Mrs. Samuel Cross wishes to announce to the ladies of Perryopolis that she has a full line of hair switches, also that she will make switches from your combings; prices from one dollar (\$1.00) up. Satisfaction guaranteed.—Adv.

Dr. R. E. Knauer and T. W. Weinberger returned yesterday from a week's hunting trip in Clinton county.

H. D. Shearer of Poplar Grove, was a business visitor here yesterday.

Ed. Stout of Star Junction, was transacting business here yesterday.

H. C. Davis of Connelville, was a business caller here the first of the week.

Mrs. Fred Baker was shopping and calling on friends in Connelville yesterday.

THIS FERNET-BRANCA "FLAPPER" HAS A NEW FROCK



THE PENSIVE ONE.

Nun's gray cloth is cut with a plain, full skirt and a yoked waist to give this girlish gown. Since gray and blue are a favorite winter combination we here have a silk belt of blue velvet ribbon and a blue satin roll collar to match the neat little tie.

PECHIN.

PECHIN, Dec. 23.—The Pechin Chapel will hold their Christmas entertainment Monday night.

When going to Center Furnace with his team, for a big sled, Thursday, Harry Thorpe, driver for the United Fire Brick Company store, and Earl Martin had six breakdowns but returned home, almost frozen, with the sled.

Mrs. Thomas Kelley and daughter, Anna, Mrs. Charles W. Baker and daughter, Jessie and Pearl; Miss Esther Bricker, and Mrs. William Leachman were shopping in Connelville recently.

Mrs. Thomas Jeffries and daughter, Alvina, and Miss Daisy Kennedy of Koffers Station, were shopping at Mount Braddock on Wednesday.

John Thorpe of Benson Mill, mashed his hand and broke his fingers when a large sled he was driving overturned.

Mrs. John Gildroy and daughter, Hattie, of Hardy Hill, were at Connelville shopping Wednesday.

Master James, aged 4 years, son of John A. Lehman of Koffers Station, broke his collarbone by falling off a bed Thursday.

Mrs. E. G. Lechman and daughter, Mabel, were at Mount Braddock shopping Wednesday.

Mrs. Washington Provance of Koffers Station, was a Connelville shopper Wednesday.

Mrs. Max Lincoln and son John of Pechin, and Arthur Kennedy of Church Hill, were at Connelville shopping Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas Jeffries, Sr., of Koffers Station, was shopping at Mount Braddock Wednesday.

Mrs. John McGarity and daughters, Nellie and Jane, of Pechin, were at Connelville shopping Wednesday.

Mrs. J. L. Koffler of Koffers Station, was at Uniontown on business Thursday.

Mrs. Ray Holising and Mrs. Elias Lehman of Koffers Station, were at Connelville shopping recently.

Andrew Stader of Pechin, has his home ready for occupancy.

Mrs. June Alford of Ferguson, was at Connelville shopping Thursday.

Miss Margaret Lehman of Koffers Station was at Mount Braddock shopping yesterday.

Mrs. Margaret Johnson of Pechin, was at Connelville shopping lately.

Mrs. John McClain of Ferguson, was at Connelville shopping Wednesday.

Mrs. Abraham Brooks of Ferguson, was at Connelville shopping Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Lancaster of Pechin, was at Connelville shopping yesterday.

There will be Sunday school in Pechin Chapel Sunday at 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. George Smiley of Koffers Station, was at Connelville shopping Wednesday.

Mrs. E. E. Miller and son, Edward, of Koffers Station, were at Connelville shopping Wednesday.

Mrs. H. Carr and daughter, Thelma, of Ferguson, was at Connelville shopping Wednesday.

Grace Cole of Ferguson, who was at Greensburg visiting relatives, has returned home.

Miss Virginia McClain of Ferguson, who was at the West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, taking treatment for gall stones, is home for Christmas.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DAILY COURIER

113 W. Crawford Ave., CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

Full Christmas Joy to All

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to our many friends and customers for the most liberal patronage accorded us all the year round, and especially during the holiday season. Thank you!

Kobackers' wish you all the most joyous Christmas you have ever known.

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"THE BIG STORE"

Free Trousers for You

Most Men Know that a suit with two pairs of trousers is just about as good as two suits.

During this sale we'll make a present of the extra trousers if you'll buy the suit.

The only exceptions are "staple" plain-color cloths.

It's our way of keeping busy during the tailor's "dull season."

A mighty good way for you! This free offer for a limited time only.

Leave your order now.

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In Giving
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There is satisfaction to the giver and a compliment to the recipient.

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Highland Linen and Crane's Linen Lawn—the gift of gifts for the gentlemen. In large and small boxes.

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It's Different.

Just As Good Is Never So Good.

To those who have used Pine Top Cough Mixture, there is no use saying anything. We just ask a trial from anyone who has never used it. It contains the oil of the Pine needle, said to be the best lung healer in the world. Buy a bottle for 25 cents. Always keep it in the house. A couple doses, if taken in time, may prevent a long siege of cold and lagrippe. You will know it by the green wrapper and red seal. Ask for Pine Top. Take no other. Sold everywhere. Prepared by

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Do your Christmas shopping NOW. Any honest person with steady work can secure a loan from \$10 up. Credit once established here means ready money when you need it. If possible call at our office, and we will explain our plan fully. All business is strictly confidential.

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FRENCH FINANCIER SEEKS RECIPROCITY IN TARIFF RATES

Country Must Pay Its War
Debt Through Its Own
Industries.

WANTS U. S. AS A CUSTOMER

Expects to be a generous Buyer in
This Country After the War; Will
Apply to Productive Industry the
Effort She Has Sustained in War.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—"How is France going to pay the bill? By applying to productive occupations the effort she has sustained in war," is the opinion of M. Raoul Peret, former Minister of Commerce. In an interview with The Associated Press he also declared that the theory of reciprocity ought to be applied to the commercial relations between France and the United States after the war. M. Peret is now "rapporteur" of the budget in the Chamber of Deputies—a post equivalent to that of Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives.

Alexandre Ribot, Minister of Finance, has had the delicate task of borrowing the unprecedented sum that have been swallowed up by the war. Raoul Peret who has not much more than half of M. Ribot's 75 years, has before him the task of finding the means to liquidate the debt. "M. Ribot, by his prompt action in leaving short term bonds, rendered an inestimable service to France," says M. Peret. "He gave the French people a chance to show their confidence; they brought him much money that he was not until the 15th month of hostilities, that he found it expedient to issue longer term bonds. Investments in French bonds are never a gamble; yet, in a sense, the purchase of these securities was a wager on the credit and upon the ability of France to foot the bill. French people, laboring men, mechanics, capitalists—men and women of all classes that have money saved up—have been waiting in that way a billion a month for nearly two years that France will triumph. Thirty-three and a half billion francs, all told, M. Ribot found in two years time in the pockets of our people."

"France in a two years effort, accomplished in military preparation what it took Germany 15 years to do. The same effort applied to industrial activity will do as much in solving the grave financial problem the war will have left on our hands," but it is necessary to say that we shall need time to restore our finances.

"It is difficult, and perhaps futile, to make estimates while the great effort is going on, but, supposing the war adds 70 billion francs to our present national debt of 30 billion, we shall owe a hundred billion francs. That involves an annual interest of five billion francs, and is sufficient to require serious reflection; yet it does not frighten the French people upon whom the charge is going to fall. They bring their money in to the treasury as freely today as they did after the battle of the Marne when we thought it might be over in less than a year, and they know exactly what they are doing."

"France has great reasons for wishing to promote closer relations with the United States," said M. Peret, in conclusion. "There are reasons of sentiment and policy besides business reasons. We shall want to see you more of our products than before, and we shall need more from you. What is desirable, even necessary, to facilitate these growing exchanges is a commercial tariff system. Your ad valorem tariff is the obstacle. It almost kept our industries away from the San Francisco fair. We are happy now that they went there, and we have been glad to see your industrial representatives here. It is to be hoped that out of closer intercourse may come a solution to your great benefit as well as ours. It is the theory of reciprocal advantages that ought to be applied."

BIG COAL FIELD

Alaska Will Furnish Largely as a Fuel
Producer.

The Nenana coal field, Alaska, will be tributary to the government railroad now under construction from Seward to Fairbanks. Though the coal of this field is lignite and hence of low grade, yet it has great value as a source of fuel and power for Fairbanks and other Yukon placer camps. The field is about 60 miles south of Fairbanks. It is estimated by the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, that the Nenana field contains some ten billion tons of lignite.

The Nenana coal field lies in what is also contains some gold placers that have been mined in a small way for the known as the Bonfield region, which is about 10 years. This district is described in a report entitled "The Bonfield Region, Alaska" (Bulletin No. 100) which can be obtained on application to the Director of the Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

Want More Money.
Farmers clubs and associations throughout the state are asking that increased appropriations be given the Department of Agriculture for the work of the Farmers' Institutes and the crops of Farm Advisers.

Apple Shipments Heavy.
It is estimated that almost two million barrels of Pennsylvania grown apples were shipped to the New York markets this season and that a large percentage was exported.

At the Theatres.



A SCENE FROM "THE WAGER"

THE ORPHAN.

"THE HONORABLE ALGY"—A five part Telange feature, with Charles Ray, supported by an all star cast, in the leading role and rip-roaring Key-stone comedy. "The Honorable Algy," featuring Charles Murray, are being presented today. "The Honorable Algy" is constructed with a great deal of bright and entertaining ingenuity, and its characterizations are admirable. Charles Ray has done his best piece of work as the leader of an old patrician family, in financial straits. Deeply loving a sweet girl at home, he is sent forth on an adventurous trip to America to save the family fortunes by marrying an heiress. His adventures begin aboard a ship on the way. The pursuer's safe is robbed of jewels belonging to an American millionaire, and a search for the jewels begins. The chief hides his loot in a vault, which changes to be that of Algy's state room, and the jewels fall into the hands of Algy. He is sorely tempted to make use of them to save his family, but he thinks better of it on shore and waits them to the right owner, claiming a reward. Mr. Murray, who plays the part of the villain, is superbly blended in the title role and there is beauty and charm throughout and the final scene makes a new, bright and diting conclusion. The Christmas attraction will be "The Wager," a marvelous Metro master play of business life and the underworld, with Emily Stevens, the great emotional actress in the leading role. "The Wager" is a play written and directed by a man of world-wide prominence in the motion picture field. In the story there is a woman crook, who has resolved to quit the underworld. She is known as "Diamond Daisy" Doyle, a high class girl crook. On account of her cleverness she has never been caught. After she decides to lead a better life, her arch enemy, detective, who is determined that she shall go to prison appears. And his part of the game is bolstered up by a wager, into which the woman is drawn. Through the story runs a gripping love scene. Many noted actors appear in the cast, including Lyster Chambers, who has a remarkable career on the stage. A Metro comedy is included.

SOIRSON THEATRE.

"THE SCARLET OATH," a five reel World production with Gail Kane in the leading role. It is a story which rapidly carries us from one continent to another with thrill in every reel of the way. Though Gail Kane plays herself and her twin sister, she is as different in character as she is similar in looks. Almost everyone would pledge to avenge their mother and this little family is no exception. If you enjoy a stirring tale, don't miss this one. "The Call of the Canyon," a two reel lug drama with Edith Roberts and Mildred K. Wilson. "Napoleon and Sally," the jungle comedians, Monday. "The Shielding Shadow," with Grace Darmond. "Beatrice Fairbanks" featuring Grace Darmond and Harry Fox.



The most recent of the much talked of Brady-Made World Pictures is coming to the Soisson Theatre today. It is called "The Scarlet Oath" and presents the clever Gail Kane in an unusual role which gives her a splendid opportunity to display her talents. See how John Huntington, the American Consul at Warsaw, is drawn into a conspiracy against the government and unknowingly assists a murderer to escape the arm of the law. You will be as puzzled as he is as to who really is his fiancée. During a struggle in which Olga pretends to appreciate his embrace, she stabs Savareff to death with a knife, and because of his orders to the guard that she be permitted to leave unopposed, she escapes. Thus it is "The Scarlet Oath" fulfilled, but the story is far from completed. Russia must still be left behind. See how an American Consul is unconsciously made the duped of this clever nihilist.

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Apple Crop Worth \$16,000,000.
The 1916 Pennsylvania apple crop is estimated at 16,000,000 bushels, worth to the growers \$11,512,700.

WHAT THE BUREAU OF MINES IS DOING FOR THE INDUSTRY

Activities of the Past Year
Outlined in Report
of Director

VARIED CHARACTER OF WORK

Accomplished During the Year: Several
Thousands Miners Trained in First
Aid and Mine Rescue; Progress in
Development of New Safety Devices.

A comprehensive idea of the activities of the United States Bureau of Mines in behalf of the mining industry during the last fiscal year can be gained from the annual report of Director Vaa H. Manning. Briefly summarized the accomplishments were as follows:

More than 8,400 miners were trained in mine rescue and first aid. On June 30, 1916, the total number of miners trained by the bureau since its organization was 12,046.

Representatives of the bureau attended and investigated 81 accidents throughout the United States. Seventy-seven men were rescued through the efforts of volunteer miners, company officials, State mine inspectors, and company rescue crews.

Forty-seven mine rescue and first aid contests were held under the auspices or with the assistance of the Bureau of Mines.

Considerable progress was made in improving breathing apparatus for use in rescue and exploration work after mine explosions and fires.

Different types of breathing apparatus were demonstrated before thousands of miners.

Safety measures introduced in the gaseous coal mines of Oklahoma, with the assistance of the bureau, have resulted in greatly reducing the number of explosions in these mines.

The study of coal-mine explosions and methods of preventing and limiting them was continued, and important advances were made in the application of preventive methods. Sanitation and health conditions in mining towns were investigated and much valuable information obtained.

The problem of subsidence of surface ground over mine workings in Illinois was studied and similar work in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania was continued.

Much valuable information was obtained on the corrosion of heating and pumping equipment by acid waters in mines, and the relative qualities of different metals and coverings.

The relative explosibility of coal dusts from various mines and the proportion of rock dust required to make the coal dust inert were determined.

The study of the origin and constitution of coal was continued.

The properties of mine gases were investigated and a descriptive chart for display at mines was prepared for printing.

A gas detector for quickly determining inflammable gases in mine air was perfected.

Hoisting equipment in coal mines, and ways and means of preventing accidents in shafts and slope hoisting were investigated.

Progress was made on an improved type of oxygen rescue apparatus being developed by the bureau.

Various types of electric mine lamps have been greatly improved through recommendations made by the bureau. Two types of explosion-proof cutting equipment were approved.

Rules setting a proper standard of safety for the installation and operation of electrical equipment in bituminous coal mines, prepared by the bureau, have helped greatly to increase safety in mines using such equipment.

Tests of explosion-proof storage-battery locomotives for use in gaseous mines were begun.

Types of flame safety lamps were improved.

A report on methods of saving fuel in heating dwelling houses has been of great benefit to the public at large.

The studies of combustion of coal in boiler furnaces was continued and much valuable information obtained.

Tests to determine the relation of the fusibility of coal ash to clinker trouble were made.

The use of coke as a domestic fuel and the cooking qualities of various domestic coals were investigated.

BODY IS CREMATED

No Religious Services. Whatever for
Woman Buried at Flatwoods.

The body of Mrs. Mary Husband Griffith, who died in Somerset county Sunday, was cremated Tuesday at a Flatwoods crematory and the urn containing the ashes deposited in the Flatwoods cemetery. Under the terms of the woman's will, no religious services of any kind were to be held over the remains, nor was it to be exposed to public view. The will also provided that the body be cremated and the ashes deposited in Flatwoods cemetery.

Mrs. Griffith's will was probated yesterday in Greensburg, the residue of her estate being left to her husband, J. L. Griffith, who was named executor. Mrs. Griffith resided near Youngwood borough.

Hay Prices Don't Gain.

Every farm crop of the past season shows an advance in price over last year with the exception of hay and in some sections of apples. The difference in price in these two products is very small as compared with a year ago.

Onion Yield Gains.

The average yield per acre of onions showed a decided increase in the state during the past year. The average yield was 300 bushels to an acre.

Yough Trust Co.

Christmas Savings Club

We have been so busy during the past week that we have not had time to announce the opening of the 1917 Christmas Savings Club. The Club opens formally on the 20th of December, but you can join any time from now on during the next thirty days.

It is hardly necessary to enter into an explanation of the idea and objects of the Club. It is so well known to the majority of Connelville people. If you don't know how it operates, call at the bank, we will be glad to explain it.

During the four years which the Club has operated we have mailed checks to 10,000 people, aggregating \$225,000. Some of these people have opened savings accounts and now have substantial balances to their credit.

We invite you to join the 1917 Club. It is a good thing to do.

Yough Trust Company

Connellsville, Pa.

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PRUDENCE OF THE PARSONAGE is a good story, well told, and clean.

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Merry Christmas

To all our friends and customers, and, in fact, to everybody in Connelville we extend the season's Greetings.

We hope your turkey will be just right; that the good, old Santa Claus, or his representatives will remember you generously and that you, yourself, may know the joy of making many others happy.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

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We desire to thank our depositors and clients for their liberal patronage during the year and wish them all a very Merry Christmas.

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A REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1916 IN THE SPORTING WORLD

By TOMMY CLARK.

DURING the 1916 sporting world were tame compared with other years. But few titles changed hands, and few new wonders were produced. In pugilistic circles all the champions defended their titles successfully. Champion Heavyweight Jack Willard was successful in one bout, that with Frank Moran. The contest was just a ten round affair, in which the challenger was lucky to remain the fight. The light-heavyweight title is claimed by both Battling Levinsky and Jack Dillon. This pair met several times, and both have about an even break, so the title lies between them. The middleweight honors were defended several times by Al McCoy, but experts believe Mike Gibbons could easily put him away inside of ten rounds. Jack Britton took away the welterweight title from Ted Lewis, while the light-heavyweight honors are still in possession of Freddie Welsh. The latter engaged in a number of contests, mostly of ten rounds duration, and easily outpointed his opponents.

Johnny Kilbane outclassed all in the featherweight class to such an extent that he was forced to go out of his class to get bouts. Johnny Kelle is still the tier of all the bantams, while Jimmy Wilde has shown he is all by himself in the flyweight division.

Les Darcy, the Australian light-heavyweight champion, proved he is one of the greatest of fighters by defeating all the battles he faced in the ring. Georges Carpentier, the French champion heavyweight, did not engage in any ring battles, but gave a few exhibitions on the battle front in France.

Lawn Tennis. The national lawn tennis title changed hands. William M. Johnston was defeated in a masterly style by H. Norris Williams, Jr., at Forest Hills, N. Y. Williams played a masterly game from the start and took every one into camp, including the great Matthew McLaughlin. There were no changes in the doubles. W. M. Johnston and C. J. Griffin defended their honors successfully.

Horse Racing. Thoroughbred horse racing seemed to regain its popularity among the masses. The daily attendance at all the eastern tracks was pleasing to the jockey club officials. Peter Rock, owned by August Belmont, proved to be the best three-year-old of the season by winning a number of important stakes.

Golf. Chick Evans was the shining light in golf circles during the year. He captured both the national amateur and the national open championships by his brilliant playing. Neither Jerry Travers nor Francis Ouless opposed Evans in either of the contests. The former announced early in the year he would not compete in the tourneys, while the latter was declared ineligible to compete in any amateur event.

Baseball. The battles for the major league baseball pennants were hotly contested from start to finish. The National league fight was not decided until a few days before the season closed. Brooklyn finally capturing the consolation. In the American league the race winner was not known until a couple of weeks before the campaign closed. The New York Giants set a new record for games won when they captured twenty-two straight.

Rowing. Syracuse proved to be the variety crew at the annual intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The Salt City boys took the variety event in masterly style from Cornell, Columbia and Pennsylvania. They also captured the Junior event. John Kelly must be classed as the best single sculler of the year. He defeated Tom Rooney in easy fashion.

Football. The 1916 football season was a hummer. Smaller elevens, especially Brown, put it over the baggers once. Pittsburgh was notified for the championship. The Pitt team went through the season without a defeat or a tie. Colgate took every eleven except Yale into camp. In the west Ohio State captured the honors from her rivals by brilliant playing. The griffin season produced any number of stars, principally back field men.

Track and Field Events. The track and field championship failed to develop any new star. Ted Meredith of Penn captured the big honors at the intercollegiate in Cambridge, while the honors at the Penn relays were divided among Penn, Harvard and Cornell. Avery Brundage of Chicago captured the all around honors at Newark.

Wrestling. There was no change in the wrestling championship honors. Frank Gotch, the retired champion, tried to come back, but a broken ankle forced him to give up the idea of engaging in a bout. Joe Stecher, the Dodge City (Nebr) wonder, proved to be the best catch-as-catch-can mat artist of the year, with "Strangler Ed" Lewis second best. Stecher was recently forced to quit in a bout with Olin, the Finn, in Worcester, Mass. His handlers claim he was not in the best of shape.

Boxing. Alvin Karpis, held on to his Greco-Roman wrestling honors. He captured the international tourney held in New York last spring from Young Zhyssco. A brief list and dates of the impor-

tant sport events of the year are as follows:

JANUARY.
1. Nick Glanokoplos, Greek athlete, won the national cross country title by outdistancing Hannes Kolehmainen, at New York.

MARCH.
2. Jess Willard outpointed Frank Moran in a 10 round contest at Madison Square Garden, New York.

APRIL.
4. Penn Relay Games—4 mile relay won by Cornell (Taylor, Windagie, Hoffmire, Hart), 15:14. 2 mile, won by Yale (Hofe, Cooper, Barker, Overton), 7:53 (equals world's record). 1 mile, won by Harvard (Fitzpatrick, Aldie, Blumhain, Wilcox), 3:10.

MAY.
21. Miss Molla Bjurstedt retained the Women's Metropolitan singles championship title by defeating Miss Marie Guhrle at the Forest Hills tennis court, N. Y.

JUNE.
25. Intercollegiate meet, Cambridge, Mass. Ted Meredith, 1 mile, 4:24. 2 mile, 9:44. 3 mile, 14:00. 4 mile, 19:00. 5 mile, 24:00. 6 mile, 29:00. 7 mile, 34:00. 8 mile, 39:00. 9 mile, 44:00. 10 mile, 49:00. 11 mile, 54:00. 12 mile, 59:00. 13 mile, 64:00. 14 mile, 69:00. 15 mile, 74:00. 16 mile, 79:00. 17 mile, 84:00. 18 mile, 89:00. 19 mile, 94:00. 20 mile, 99:00. 21 mile, 104:00. 22 mile, 109:00. 23 mile, 114:00. 24 mile, 119:00. 25 mile, 124:00. 26 mile, 129:00. 27 mile, 134:00. 28 mile, 139:00. 29 mile, 144:00. 30 mile, 149:00. 31 mile, 154:00. 32 mile, 159:00. 33 mile, 164:00. 34 mile, 169:00. 35 mile, 174:00. 36 mile, 179:00. 37 mile, 184:00. 38 mile, 189:00. 39 mile, 194:00. 40 mile, 199:00. 41 mile, 204:00. 42 mile, 209:00. 43 mile, 214:00. 44 mile, 219:00. 45 mile, 224:00. 46 mile, 229:00. 47 mile, 234:00. 48 mile, 239:00. 49 mile, 244:00. 50 mile, 249:00. 51 mile, 254:00. 52 mile, 259:00. 53 mile, 264:00. 54 mile, 269:00. 55 mile, 274:00. 56 mile, 279:00. 57 mile, 284:00. 58 mile, 289:00. 59 mile, 294:00. 60 mile, 299:00. 61 mile, 304:00. 62 mile, 309:00. 63 mile, 314:00. 64 mile, 319:00. 65 mile, 324:00. 66 mile, 329:00. 67 mile, 334:00. 68 mile, 339:00. 69 mile, 344:00. 70 mile, 349:00. 71 mile, 354:00. 72 mile, 359:00. 73 mile, 364:00. 74 mile, 369:00. 75 mile, 374:00. 76 mile, 379:00. 77 mile, 384:00. 78 mile, 389:00. 79 mile, 394:00. 80 mile, 399:00. 81 mile, 404:00. 82 mile, 409:00. 83 mile, 414:00. 84 mile, 419:00. 85 mile, 424:00. 86 mile, 429:00. 87 mile, 434:00. 88 mile, 439:00. 89 mile, 444:00. 90 mile, 449:00. 91 mile, 454:00. 92 mile, 459:00. 93 mile, 464:00. 94 mile, 469:00. 95 mile, 474:00. 96 mile, 479:00. 97 mile, 484:00. 98 mile, 489:00. 99 mile, 494:00. 100 mile, 499:00.

ONE ON CHIEF MEYERS.

Several years ago, when Chief Meyers was a Giant, he asked Christy Mathewson to advise him how to invest some money. "Buy Rock Island," was Mat-ty's reply. So the Chief put up \$1,500, only to see the stock drop to nothing. Of course, the Indian, who loves his dollars well, was utterly disappointed. He couldn't talk to Matty without showing his feelings.

Last spring when Meyers had been sold to the Brooklyn Mat-ty faced him in a game at the Polo Grounds. As the inning came to the bat McGraw, who was eager to discover him, shouted from the bench:

"Matty, pitch the Chief that Rock Island away!"

The Chief then carved the air.

MITCHELL TO LEAD CUBS.

Baseball Men Have Words of Praise For New Chicago Manager.

Falling to bug the big game he was after, Charley Weeghman, president of the Chicago National, did the next best thing—he landed the biggest thing in sight. Weeghman wanted a man like McGraw or Stallings to manage the Cubs and did everything possible to get the latter before he saw the fullness of further dealing with Percy Haughton, president of the Braves. Haughton closed a deal with Weeghman for Fred Mitchell, the Brave coach.



Photo by American Press Association.

FRED MITCHELL, NEW LEADER OF CUBS. Mitchell now is Cub manager. The Cubs gave up Outfielder Joe Kelly and cash for Mitchell's release.

While Mitchell never was an aggressive ball player, it is the consensus of opinion among baseball men, particularly among managers, that Chicago made a splendid move in getting Mitchell. A few years ago Stallings went to New York to trade. "I will trade any man on my club but one," he said. After they all had put in their guesses he said: "You are all wrong. I am referring to Fred Mitchell. I don't know what I would do without him."

Mitchell is a baseball veteran whose education and temperament have made him an ideal coach of pitchers. He is thirty-eight years old and was born in Alton, N. H. Mitchell started playing minor league ball as a pitcher in 1897 with Concord, N. H., and got his first big league job with the Boston Americans in 1901.

The next season he was with the Philadelphia Athletics and with Waddell, Pincus and Hustings formed the pitching staff of Muck's first pennant winner. He was with the Phillies in 1903 and part of 1904, when he was released to Brooklyn, remaining with the Superbas until the end of the 1905 season. He went to Toronto, and his arm going bad, he switched from pitching to catching. He did so well in this new field that Stallings brought him to the Yankees in 1906.

Mitchell wound up his playing career as catcher for Rochester in 1911 and 1912. When Stallings was appointed manager of the Braves in 1913 one of his first moves was to give Mitchell a commission as coach of pitchers. The Brave pitching staff during the Stallings regime is a splendid tribute to Mitchell's coaching genius.

GILMOUR DOBIE QUILTS AGAIN.

Washington Coach Makes Annual An-

Gil Dobie has quit again. The Washington coach has been threatening to leave the university that on his back for a couple of years, and last fall the tail Scot did leave, but was coaxed back again. But he says the jibe's off now. "I would never even consider football team here for \$3,000 or for three times \$2,000. I am tired, and I am through with Washington for all time."

And despite the fact that the coach pulled this same stuff last season everybody on the campus knows that this is his real swan song. It is thought that he could not come back if he so desired.

Hold Benevolence Jan. 22-27.

The 1917 banquet of the Northwest Curling association will be held in Duluth, Minn., the week of Jan. 22 to 27. Special invitations will be sent to Canadian kings to take part in the James J. Hill international trophy event. The trophy was won by Minneapolis curlers last year.

Les Darcy, Australian Light Heavyweight Champion, Coming to the States



Photo by American Press Association.

FIGHT fans are deeply interested in the arrival of Les Darcy, the sensational, Australian light heavyweight, in this country. There is some talk of Darcy and Carpentier, the French heavyweight, being matched to meet in New York. Among those familiar with the boxing game the opinion is almost unanimous that Darcy and Carpentier would make a better match than the Frenchman and Willard.

The question has been raised as to possible obstacles to Darcy getting into the United States without a passport. He was called to the colors by the Australian military authorities and left his native land without saying farewell. An expert on the subject declares he can come in here unless the British government should enter a protest.

NET STARS INVADE ORIENT.

Church and Throckmorton Will Tackle Japanese Players.

Two of America's net stars—George M. Church and Harold A. Throckmorton—have left their native birth for an invasion of the tennis courts of the far east. Recently they packed their rackets, dueling out to Vancouver and sailed for Japan, where they will enter into the first of the international tournaments. They plan to do most of their playing in the mild climate of the islands, although they will take on the cracks of the Philippines at Manila before heading back to their native land.

Their decision to make the trip followed an urgent invitation from Kumagae and Mikami, the boys who attracted so much attention on American courts last season. It is virtually certain that Church and Throckmorton will take on Kumagae and Mikami in both singles and doubles when they get their bearings in Japan. When Kumagae and Mikami suggested the trip to the Americans they said they did not represent the cream of Japanese tennis players, but that there were more at home than equals if not their superiors.

As in former years, it is probable that the championship of the orient will be held at Manila. Several American cacks have taken part in the country last season, his victory being secured with unexpected ease.

Kumagae offered no alibi, but many experts were of the opinion that he was off form when he hooked up with the crack Yankee. Mikami's showing in this country was not as brilliant as that of his compatriot, but he did enough to make him a dangerous opponent for most of the stars.

Throckmorton was one of the real sensations in the early part of the American season, his playing being consistently brilliant. Later in the year, however, he seemed to lose much of his "zip," although his opponents then were stronger than those met in the early play. Throckmorton has two national titles to his credit.

THROWING GRENADE IS SPORT

This Form of Amusement Has Taken Place of Hammer Throw.

Throwing the grenade is becoming a popular form of sport in France. A special champion has recently been designated to be worn on the arm of the best grenade thrower in each company. Besides the army, the sporting clubs have taken up grenade throwing, and grenade matches now take the place of throwing the hammer, the discus, etc.

It is claimed that some of the soldiers have thrown a grenade 253 feet, but this is challenged by the sporting experts on the ground that the throw was not made before a regular organization and was a free arm throw.

According to the regulations, a grenade cannot be thrown straight from the shoulder, like a baseball, but is given a swinging overhead throw, such as a cricket ball is bowled.

Stars Developed in Pools. Australia's expert swimmers are developed in pools because the severe laws of the country prohibit outdoor competition.

Prudence of the Parsonage

By Ethel Hueston

is one of those joyful stories that will cheer and satisfy you. The characters are just ordinary, plain people, living sweet, loyal, loving, devoted, happy lives together in a nice, wholesome, little, American town, and long before you're through with the story you'll find they are all your real friends.

Prudence is the young daughter of a minister who takes up the self-imposed task of raising her four motherless sisters. They are all just "regular" girls, full of life and vim, and naturally there are all sorts of amusing happenings. Then there comes a Prince Charming into the tale that furnishes a very pretty romance. If you can enjoy a clean, jolly story be sure to read



Will Commence Next Tuesday

Nothing Doing.



"How's the world treatin' you, Joe?" "Ain't treatin' me at all. I have to pay for everything I get."—Pittsburgh Press.

A Just Tribute. "Why did Wombat leave his money to found a home for servant girls?" "Well, you know, he was a manufacturer of fine china. And he always said the girls did a lot for his business."—Kansas City Journal.

Imogen. Imogen's lips are coral buds. Her hair like the raven's wing. Her eyes have all the sea's deep blue. That a perfect day can bring. There's never a girl like Imogen. Till she opens her mouth to sing. —Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

Postoffice Romance. Friendship, N. Y. Love, Va. Kissed once, Fla. Ring, Ark. Parson, Ky.—Columbia (S. C.) State.

It All Depends. Willie Wiggles—Pa, you don't get chestnuts until after there's a frost, do you? Fa Wiggles—Except in the case of a farce comedy, son; then the chestnuts come first and the frost afterward. —Philadelphia Ledger.

Good Digestion. Mrs. Justwood—Where is the plate I served you the pie on? Tramp—Plate? Gracious! I thought that was the under crust and ate it. —Boston Globe.



Cholerie. His face is red, his breath is short. And wildly picture his wondrous awe. He's angry? Nothing of the sort. He's struggling with a balky steed. —Washington Star.

Avoiding Trouble. Sho—Don't you ever wear trunks? Another—No; my husband always puts his foot down on anything of that sort.—Record.

BLAST FURNACES ARE FORCED TO BANK OR SLOW DOWN OPERATIONS FOR LACK OF COKE

Spot Prices Advance as the Shortage in Supply Increases.

FURNACE NEARS THE \$10 MARK

While \$12 is Quoted for Spot Foundry. Nothing Doing on Contract But Some Inquiries are Out Which do not Elicit Response from Many Operators.

Special to The Weekly Courier, PITTSBURGH, Dec. 20.—Coke prices have advanced all along the line, indicating a still greater shortage in supplies as compared with requirements. The blast furnaces are probably losing considerable production through not having enough coke. The furnaces are forced to slow down operations rather than actually to bank, but one merchant furnace in the Shortage Valley was banked yesterday on account of lack of coke.

There has been a special demand for spot furnace coke from furnace districts of acquiring a little accumulation against the probable curtailment in contract shipments at the holidays, and this has made the spot market particularly stiff. Last week there were some sales at as low as \$5.50, but this week opened with \$6.00 as the lowest price done, and even on Monday there were sales at \$6.25, while since then \$6.50 and \$6.75 have been done, and predictions are freely made that the market will be well above \$10.00 before the end of the week. That is a question, however, as buyers would hardly delay entering the market so long if they desire to cover against the holidays.

It is reported that a large Cleveland merchant, whose interest, which covered a portion of its requirements for the first half some time ago, has sent a general inquiry to a great many producers, naming no tonnage, but asking what tonnage is offered, and the price. Some earlier inquiries, already reported, seem still to be hanging fire. The courtesy of operators refuse to quote at all, some having no unsold coke and others being unwilling to take chances with the transportation situation. So far as the contract market can be judged at all it is easily up 50 cents.

Spot furnace coke has advanced sharply. In the closing days of last week \$10.00 was paid freely and was probably the minimum of the market. This week still higher prices have been paid, and one prominent producer opened the week by quoting \$12.00, expecting to obtain the price within two or three days of the contract foundry coke is stronger, and one contract is reported at the remarkable price of \$7.50. The market as a whole is now quotable as follows:

Spot furnace coke.....\$12.00
Contract furnace coke.....\$10.00
Spot foundry coke.....\$11.00
Contract foundry coke.....\$10.00
Transportation conditions are more serious everywhere. There are numerous embargoes, some of which except coal and coke with others do not. The steel mills are threatened with a curtailment in production through not being able to ship all their product.

There does not seem to be any foundation for the stock market rumor that the coal contract between the United States Steel Corporation and the Pittsburgh Coal Company is to terminate March 31 next. The contract was made in April, 1905, and was to run 25 years, or to April 1, 1930. The rumor that the corporation is to buy the coal company outright is given serious consideration in some well posted circles.

The coal market is very irregular, at say \$4.00 to \$6.00, a stiffening influence being the car shortage and a weakening influence the embargoes. The pig iron market has become very quiet in the past week. There is an almost complete absence of inquiry for deliveries in the second half of 1917, and inquiry for earlier deliveries is lighter. The market is no lower, however, and prices are as strong as ever. Quotations for few are for all deliveries, except for foundry and malleable, foundry commanding \$1 or \$2 premium and malleable \$2 or more, for early deliveries:

Basic.....\$25.00
No. 2 foundry.....\$25.00
Malleable.....\$25.00
Gray forge.....\$25.00

These prices are f. o. b. Valley furnace, prices delivered Pittsburgh being higher by the 50 cents freight.

MAY GET TOGETHER

Brotherhoods and the Railways May Settle Controversies Out of Court. Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, who was chairman of the committee of railroad executives which met President Wilson and the Brotherhood officials in Washington last summer when a railroad strike was threatened, has contributed the statement that informal conferences had been held by railroad representatives with Brotherhood officials concerning a settlement out of court of the controversy between the railroads and their employees.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, has also announced that negotiations are under way between leaders of the four Brotherhoods and operating officials of several railroads, looking to a settlement of the entire controversy before January 1, when the Adamson law is to go into effect. Both President Lee and President Holden said, however, that the discussion had not progressed far enough even to suggest a basis for a permanent settlement.

Colorado Coal Output. During the first nine months of 1916 the coal output of Colorado amounted to 7,175,925 tons, an increase of 18 per cent over 1915.

COKE TRADE SUMMARY.

Winter's advent, by accentuating the coal shortage, brought about the second bad slump of the year to date in the production and shipment of coke. Shipments for the week fell off 77,000 tons, and dropped a little below the low record of July.

Conditions now prevailing will make it impossible for consumers to accumulate, as has been their custom, a stock of coke against the slump in production which always follows the Christmas holidays.

On account of the growing shortage, blast furnaces are slowing down operations, one has banked and others are planning to bank over the holiday season.

Spot furnace coke sold from \$9.00 to \$9.25, \$9.50 and \$9.75 during the early days of the present week, easily in excess above the market of last week and the prediction is made that the price will be well above \$10.00 before the end of the week. Spot foundry coke advanced sharply with quotations up to \$12.00. Some inquiries are out on first half contract but they have not been responded to with quotations, operators having no unsold coke or are unwilling to take chances with the shipping situation.

SERIOUS ATTENTION TO PEACE OVERTURE

Is Being Manifested Among Buyers of Iron and Steel Who Are Disposed to Proceed With Caution.

Special to The Weekly Courier, NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

The German peace overture is rated more seriously in the trade than it was when it appeared last week, and yesterday's particularly sharp decline in the stock market will no doubt accentuate the feeling among buyers of iron and steel that they should proceed very cautiously. It is obviously an error, of course, to attribute all of the decrease in market activity to the peace proposal. The expected pace of the market, when the Steel Corporation booked a million tons more than it shipped, could not be continued indefinitely, while the near approach of the holidays is as usual a quieting influence.

The change is merely a decrease in market activity, particularly for deliveries after the middle of next year. The pressure for deliveries before that time is as great as ever, and at no point is there any suggestion of prices having weakened, nor was that even to have been expected.

Transportation conditions have become still more unsatisfactory. To the car shortages that have been growing for months there is now added a long list of embargoes. Many of the mills are accumulating steel and the process cannot continue more than a few days without production being curtailed, first at the finishing mills and shortly afterwards in the steel making departments. There is usually little room for the storage of ingots and there is no excess of blooming capacity sufficient to dispose of accumulations in a day.

The pig iron markets have quieted down but with no loss of strength, prices being as firm as at any time. There have been some bankings of furnaces through coke supplies being insufficient and further forced curtailment of pig iron production is to be expected during the holidays as coke production is always reduced by the celebrations of the workmen.

ABOUT \$33,000,000

Will be Total U. S. Steel Employees Will Receive in Wage Advance and Bonus. E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, has announced that the employees will be given the opportunity during the month of January to subscribe for 35,000 shares of common stock of the corporation below the market price. At the same time the usual special compensation will be distributed.

It is estimated that, including the three wage advances made in February, May and December, the increase in salaries from time to time, and the special compensation will aggregate for the year about \$33,000,000. The special compensation refers to the yearly bonus which employees holding stock in the corporation receive at the end of each year and which up to 1915 amounted to \$5.50 a share.

IRON ORE MINERS

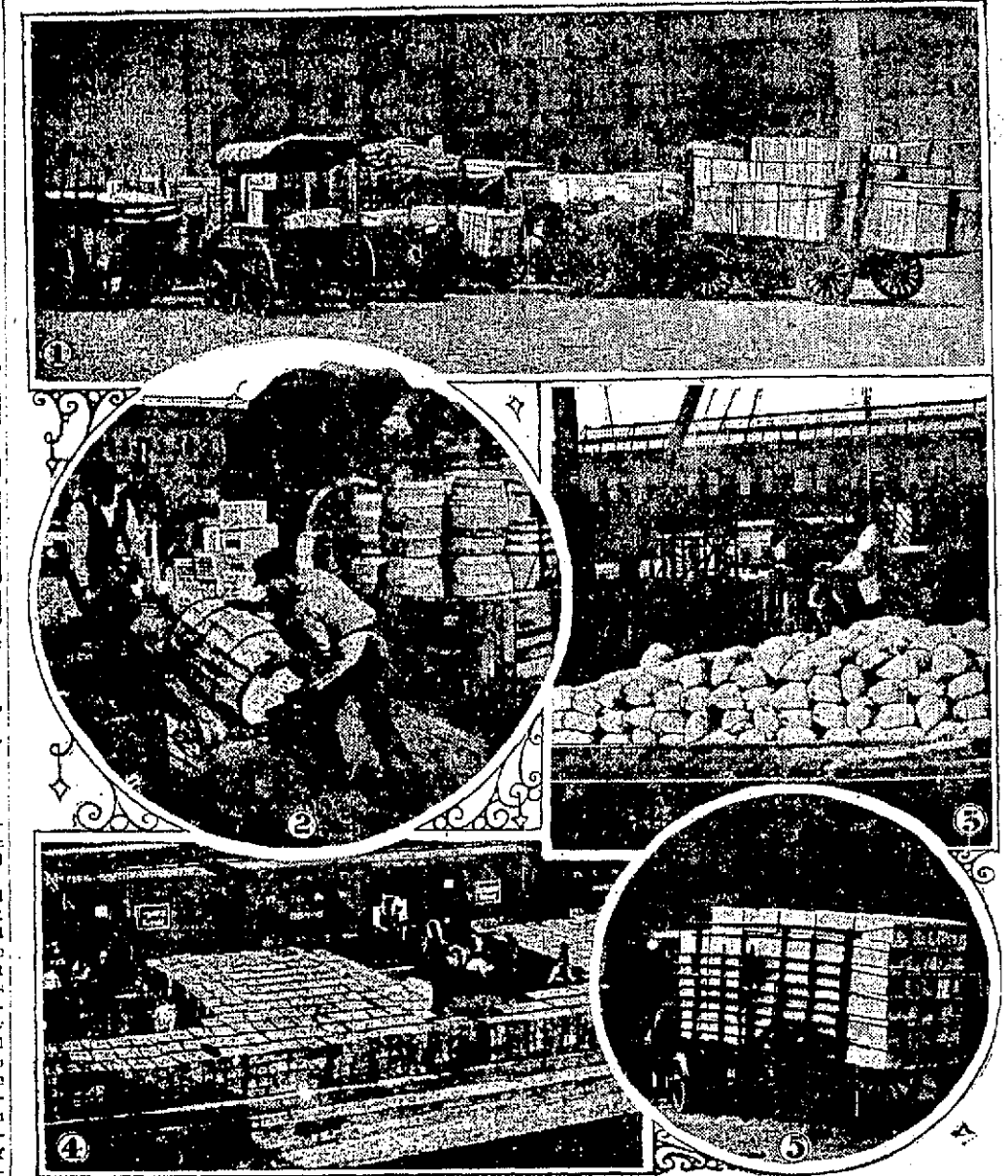
Get an Advance of 10 Per Cent in the North: Southern Workers Strike. Independent iron and steel companies which have iron ore mines in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan have announced an increase of 10 per cent in wages. Among the independent companies are the Shattuck Iron Company, Shattuck Iron, Pickands, Mather & Company, Cleveland, and the Republic Iron & Steel Company, Youngstown, Ohio.

Miners employed by the Gulf States Steel Company, in ore mines at Virginia, Ala., instituted a strike for higher wages in proportion to those which the Steel Corporation promised its men working in the same district. Miners, coke oven men and other employees joined in the strike, which began Thanksgiving day.

WESTERN MARYLAND.

Turns Its Coal Properties Over to a Newly Organized Corporation. To carry out its policy of segregating the railway and coal properties of the Western Maryland Railway Company, the Monongahela Coal Lands Corporation has been formed by persons connected with the railway company. The new corporation acquires title to 22,549 acres of coal and a 99-year lease on the properties of the Davis Coal & Coke Company.

High Cost of Foodstuffs Not Due to Extraordinary Exports, Says Expert.



In view of statements by packers, produce dealers and grocers that the prevailing high prices for foodstuffs are due to the marked increase this year in exports, recent figures have been obtained from Oscar P. Austin, statistician of the foreign trade department of the National City Bank, New York.

Mr. Austin, who has made a study of exports, recently denied there is ground for the exportation process because of shipments from this country. At the request of the New York World he prepared the following statement, showing the situation:

"So far as I can judge from the latest official figures of exports of foodstuffs the sudden increase in prices which we have noted within the past few weeks can scarcely be due to an increase in exports which, as I understand, is the chief argument made to sustain the very recent increase in

prices. In a very large proportion of the food articles exported the movements out of the country in September and in the nine months ending with September are less than those of the corresponding periods of last year, so far as relates to quantity. True, there are some exceptions to this, but in a large proportion of the articles in question the exports of September of this year and of the nine months ending with September are less than those of last year. As I understand the present situation the sudden advance, which has been made within the past few weeks in many articles is based upon the assertion that there is now a very large increase of exports over the corresponding period of last year, and hence the necessity for the sudden increase of prices at the present moment."

The following figures of exports are

from the foreign trade department of the National City Bank for September, 1916, and the corresponding month of 1915:

	1916	1915
Fresh beef (lbs.)	5,676,000	15,453,000
Picked beef (lbs.)	2,481,000	4,622,000
Lams and shoulders (lbs.)	17,424,000	17,752,000
Pork (lbs.)	5,715,000	6,553,000
Potatoes (bushels)	425,000	725,000
Dried apples (bbs)	10,443,000	27,166,000
Green apples (bbs)	984,000	1,286,000
Wheat (bushels)	13,108,000	21,626,000

No. 1 in the picture shows trucks loaded with food for export before the French line pier, New York; No. 2, workmen stacking up barrels and boxes of food for export; No. 3, transferring flour from pier to barge; No. 4, unloading crates from railroad to the barges; No. 5, truckloads of eggs for export. Each load contains 12,000 dozens of eggs, valued at \$7.20.

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RELIEF IN SIGHT FOR CAR SHORTAGE

Prompt Return of Box Cars Is Being Provided for the American Railway Association on one Measure.

Measures to give quick relief to sections of the United States suffering a shortage of freight cars have been adopted by the American Railway Association in the form of instructions to all railroads in the Eastern, Southern, Central and Western States to turn over to their Western and Southern connections a percentage of all box cars, loaded or empty, in excess of the number received from those lines. Those measures are announced in a statement issued by W. W. Atterbury, vice president in charge of operations of the Pennsylvania Lines East and president of the Car Service Commission of the American Railway Association.

Railroads in New England which have on their lines more box cars than they themselves own, will turn over to their Southern and Western connections 30 per cent more box cars than they receive from such connections. Railroads in what is known as the trunk line and central freight territory, regardless of the number of box cars on their lines, will turn over 20 per cent more box cars than they have received. The Southern and Western roads will turn over 10 per cent more than they have received, while lines in the Central West must deliver 20 per cent. This action, it is believed, will force a large number of box cars to the West, Northwest, South and Southwest, where there is urgent need for them.

Western railroads have been instructed to use every effort to discourage sending to the Atlantic seaboard and New England freight which apparently cannot be unloaded and disposed of on its arrival. Eastern railroads have been urged to refuse to accept from other lines and from shippers on their own lines freight which cannot be unloaded on arrival at its destination.

NO TAPA.

You Needn't Dive Into That Crowd of Xmas Shoppers.

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